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Dear Perry,

How nice to hear from you. It has certainly been some time and I wish our paths could cross again soon. I was in Cleveland just a few weeks ago both for an off-the-record interview with Tom Vaile and his editorial board and to have dinner with a group of fifteen leading business executives. Had I realized that you were in Cleveland, I would most certainly have asked to have you included with the dinner group so that we could have said hello.

Unfortunately, I am going to have to decline your very kind invitation to address the Forum in the first half of 1980. It is just the kind of thing I like to do and enjoy. The demands for such appearances, however, are never ending. At this point I do not feel I can justify a return trip to Cleveland so soon. I am conscientiously trying to get around the country and speak to and with various types of groups in many areas. While I realize that this last trip to Cleveland did not cover anywhere near the size of audience you would have at the Forum, I still feel that I should touch some other geographical bases before returning. On top of that, the calendar is already mercifully full through the spring.

I apologize for not being able to be more responsive. Perhaps we can work something out at a more distant time. Alternatively, if anything should bring me anywhere near Cleveland on a Friday, I will give you as much notice as I can and see if we can work something out.

Again, thanks for thinking of me and very warmest wishes.

Yours,



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